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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR EG US  
SUBJECT: SADAT'S STATEMENT RE US COMMITMENT

1. WHEN MEETING WITH SADAT MARCH 11, I RAISED WITH  
HIM INLOW KEY HIS STATEMENT IN KUWAIT ABOUT SECRET USG COMMITMENTS.  
I NOTED THE STATEMENT HAD CAUSED YOU SOME EMBARRASSMENT  
AND THERE HAD BEEN SOME UNHELPFUL CONGRESSIONAL REACTION.  
WHILE I RECOGNIZED REASON WHY THE PRESIDENT HAD MADE  
THE STATEMENT, AND THAT HE HAD NO DESIRE TO CAUSE  
EMBARRASSMENT, I HOPED THAT HE WOULD AGREE THAT THERE  
IS NO FURTHER NEED FOR PUBLIC ALLUSIONS TO THOSE  
DOCUMENTS. IT WAS IN BOTH OF OUR INTERESTS NOT TO  
STIR UP SO SENSITIVE AN ISSUE.

2. SADAT APPEARED TO BE EXPECTING SOME SUCH COMMENT  
AND RUEFULLY SAID HE HAD READ ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL  
REACTION TO HIS STATEMENT. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD IN  
FACT MADE THAT SAME STATEMENT EARLIER (CAIRO 2977),  
BUT NO ONE HAD PICKED IT UP AT THAT TIME. THIS TIME IT  
HAD BEEN DIFFERENT AND THE MEDIA HAD PICKED IT  
UP. HE REGRETTED THAT HIS STATEMENT MAY HAVE  
CAUSED YOU SOME EMBARRASSMENT, WHICH WAS NOT HIS  
INTENTION. I AGAIN ASSURED HIM THAT YOU RECOGNIZED  
THIS. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD MADE THE STATEMENT IN  
THE CONTEXT OF PUBLICLY REFUTING SYRIAN CHARGES THAT

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HIS SIGNING OF SINAI II MEANT THAT HE HAD DESERTED

THE ARAB CAUSE. HE AGREED THAT WE SHOULD AVOID STIRRING UP THIS ISSUE AGAIN.

3. COMMENT: SADAT TOOK MY LOW-KEY DEMARCHE IN GOOD STEAD AND DID NOT IN ANY WAY APPEAR TO BE UPSET ABOUT IT. WHILE HE HAS PROMISED TO AVOID FUTURE ALLUSIONS TO THOSE SECRET DOCUMENTS AND DOUBTLESS MEANS TO ABIDE BY HIS COMMITMENT, THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY AGAIN GET CARRIED AWAY AT SOME TIME WHEN HE IS MAKING A SPEECH. IN ANY CASE, HE IS AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS HIS STATEMENT CAUSED YOU AND WILL, I BELIEVE, TAKE CARE TO AVOID A REPETITION OF THE INCIDENT.

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